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Title: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING USER AUTHENTICATION
USING A BACK CHANNEL**

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AFTER FINAL RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed May 20, 2005, Applicants submit the following remarks.

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully traverse and request reconsideration.

Claims 1-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Okomoto et al. With respect to independent claim 13, Applicants respectfully submit that Okomoto does not include all of the limitations set forth in this claim and as such, the claim is in condition for allowance. For example, the claim requires a first unit, second unit and third unit. The first and second units are operatively coupleable via a primary wireless channel and operatively coupleable to an authenticator. However, the cited portion of the Okomoto reference, namely column 18, lines 57-58 and column 20, lines 30-34 are silent as to any primary wireless channel. In fact, lines 57-58 instead refer to structures that are optional